

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 7 have been amended in response to the rejection of those claims and the claims dependent thereon as being indefinite. The office action dated July 6, 2007 indicates that claims 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 are drawn to allowable subject matter.

Claims 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In making this rejection, the Examiner takes the position that the language "capable of" in independent claims 2 and 7 is not a positive limitation; however, the Examiner states that these claims would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection. In response, claims 2 and 7 have been amended to eliminate the language in question. As amended, it is submitted that the claims clearly recite positive limitations which should be given patentable weight. As was discussed in the telephone interview of October 19, 2007, the amendments to claims 2 and 7 *prima facie* present claims 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 in condition for immediate allowance.

Claims 1 and 6 have been canceled to accelerate prosecution in this case, and the applicant reserves the right to pursue similar claims in one or more continuation applications.

In view of the amendment, the application is now in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance for claims 2-5 and 7-10 at an early date is requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,

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